

Agricultural Advisory Board Agenda

June 13, 2022

1. Call to order
2. Moment of silence
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of allegiance
5. Approval of minutes
 - May 9, 2022
6. **Public Comment Session** [3 minutes per person]
If you are not able to attend in person and you have a comment, you may submit it by contacting the Planning Department at planninginfo@oconeesc.com or 864-638-4218, so that we may receive your comment and read it into the record.
7. **Presentation-** Dr. Adam Kantrovich
8. **Discussions** [to include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up in discussion if required]
 - Board member updates
9. **Adjourn**



Oconee County Agricultural Advisory Board

When & Where

6:00 PM

Thursday, June 13, 2022
Council Chambers
415 South Pine Street
Walhalla, SC 29691

Alternative participation

YouTube: "YourOconee"

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BOARD MEMBERS

Debbie Sewell, Vice-Chairman, At-Large	Kim Alexander, Chairman, District I
Tessa Moxley, Secretary, At-Large	Larry Cantrell, District II
Rex Blanton, District III	Ashley Townsend, District IV
Charlie Whiten, District V	Kerrie Roach, Ex-Officio

Minutes

6:00 PM, Monday, May 9, 2022

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

Members Present

Ashley Townsend

Kim Alexander

Charlie Whitten

Rex Blanton

Kerri Roach

Staff Present

James Coley

Media Present

None

1. **Call to order-** Ms. Alexander called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. **Moment of silence**
3. **Invocation**
4. **Pledge of allegiance**
5. **Approval of minutes-** April 11th, 2022. Ms. Townsend made a motion to approve minutes, second Mr. Whitten Ms. Alexander called for a vote. The motion passed 4/0.
6. **Public Comment Session** *[3 minutes per person] If you are not able to attend in person and you have a comment, you may submit it by contacting the Planning Department at planninginfo@oconeesc.com or 864-638-4218, so that we may receive your comment and read it into the record*
7. **Discussions** [to include vote and/or action on matters brought up in discussion if required]
 - o Family farm preservation update
 - i. Motion to bring from the table by Ms. Townsend, seconded, passed 4/0.
 - ii. Mr. Blanton has spoken with Mr. Brooks, freshpotential.com. Looks at wants and needs and tries to find ways to keep farms in family's. Located in Minnesota, willing to do a zoom meeting with the committee.
 - iii. Mr. Brooks also works on fruit and vegetable programs, email attached.
 - iv. Clemson extension also does farm planning and estate planning, assisting farmers (Chris Talley). Cost for these services could be an

issue. Older program “Grandmas Pie Plate” worth looking at as well.

- v. Motion Mr. Blanton plan for zoom conference with Clemson extension in June 13 and Mr. Brooks in July 11, second Mr. Whitten, passed 4/0
 - o Food Council update
 - i. Second food sovereignty meeting in Oconee June 8.
 - ii. Need for better contact in the southern portion of the county
 - iii. Advertise as a meeting, potential for quorum to be present motion Mr. Blanton, second Ms. Townsend, passed 4/0.
 - o Roads letter update
 - i. The administrator forwarded the AAB letter to SCDOT
 - o DHEC update
 - i. It appears that the bill is sitting in committee in the house and has stalled.
- 8. Adjourn:** Mr. Whitten, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Blanton, passed 4/0.



PRESS RELEASE



June 2, 2022

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On Monday June 13, 2022 at 6pm in Council Chambers (415 S Pine St. Walhalla) the Oconee County Agricultural Advisory Board will host a special presentation by Dr. Adam Kantrovich from Clemson Extension. Dr. Kantrovich will be addressing “Farm Succession, Transition, and Estate Planning, and Asset Protection.” The presentation is part of the Advisory Boards efforts to preserve family farming in Oconee County. The presentation will cover:

- The Clemson Extension team and their locations
- Programming options, and materials available
- One-on-one consultations with farms, farm families, landowners, and agricultural businesses

The meeting is open and anyone with an interest in farming, and farm preservation is encouraged to attend

Dr. Adam J. Kantrovich received a B.S. and M.S. from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, a Ph.D. from Virginia Tech. Dr. Kantrovich has experience working in the commodity markets at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, the USDA-APHIS, and has been in higher education for over 25 years. He currently is an Extension Specialist of Agribusiness, the Director of the Clemson University Extension Tax School, and Asst. Director of the Clemson Extension Agribusiness Team. Dr. Kantrovich specializes in Farm and timber Management related topic areas including Financial Analysis, Succession & Transition planning, ag & Timber Tax Management, The Affordable Care Act, ag labor and ag policy related issues, Farm Stress and Mental Health.